

REMARKS

The foregoing amendment does not involve new matter. Claim 62 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Claim 82 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 53. Claims 127-129, formerly dependent on claim 82, have been made independent by including the language of claim 82 (prior to its amendment herein). Claim 65 has been amended to account for changes in claim 82. Claim 126 has been amended to change its dependency, reflecting the rewriting of claim 53 into claim 82.

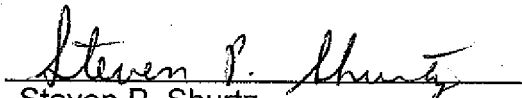
The allowance of claims 5, 14-18, 20-23, 25-31, 34-37, 43, 48, 49, 54, 62-64, 78-81, 84-87, 89-91 and 93-97, and the notation of allowability of claims 53 and 126-130 are noted with appreciation. Claims 127-129 have been put into independent form. Further, claim 82 has been amended to incorporate the material form claim 53, thus making claim 82 the independent form of claim 53. Claims 82 and 127-129 are thus now allowable, along with claims 2, 41, 65, 92, 125, 126 and 130 dependent thereon.

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 2, 41, 65, 82, 92 and 125 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,634,434 (Marino). Claim 83 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Marino in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,802,490 (Leinsing). These rejections are moot in view of the amendment of claim 82, on which claims 2, 41, 65, 83, 92 and 125 depend. However, Applicants wish to make clear that this amendment is made without prejudice to presenting claim 82 in a continuing application in its unamended form. Also, Applicants do not acquiesce in the characterization of the Office Action as to what is taught in Marino.

All of the rejections in the outstanding Office Action have been overcome.
An early notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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